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Global Energy Needs and Sustainability Issues

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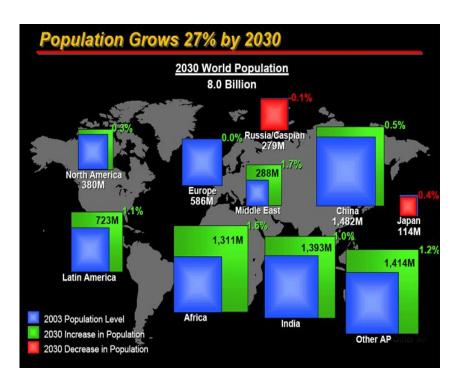
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Energy: Our Grand Challenge

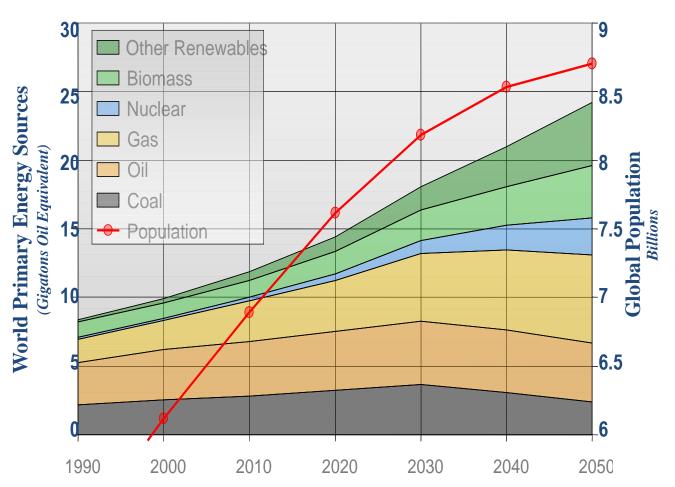
- Global population marches on
 - Over 8 billion by 2030; 9 billion by 2050
 - Globalization of economies continues
 - 3 to 5 fold increase in economic activity
- Access to stable, affordable energy is key to peace and prosperity
 - 40% increase in demand by 2030 (IEA estimate)
 - 2-3 fold increase in demand by 2050 (WBCSD estimate)
- Greatest energy consumption growth in non-OECD countries
 - China, India and Middle East account for over 90% of the increase



Sources: United Nations Population Division And United States Energy Information Agency



Energy Use Today





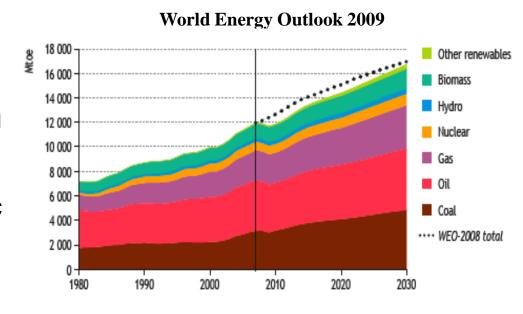






Energy Markets at a Crossroads

- As energy needs rise, oil and gas prices are more volatile, and pace of global warming increases, nations are looking to new sources of clean energy
 - Geothermal, hydroelectric and nuclear are the only carbon-neutral base load electricity sources
- Sustainability challenges exist for all energy generation technologies
- Greatest opportunity is in expanding access to clean energy



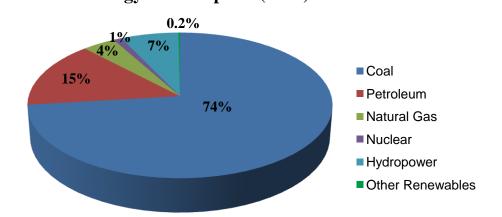
U.S. and other countries will have no choice but to add more renewable energy, more nuclear energy, more energy efficiency & conservation and more oil and gas from unconventional sources.

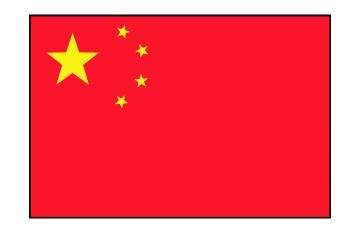
Remember – Energy Density & Infrastructure



China's pattern of demand and supply growth mirrors U.S. experience Total Energy Consumption (2008)

- Most populous country in the world (over 1.3 Billion)
- World's largest consumer of energy
- Relies on coal for electricity and heat
- Largest consumer of coal in the world – many coal reserves have yet to be developed
- Private automobile ownership increasing at over 15% per year
- Pursuing ambitious plans to grow renewable and nuclear energy





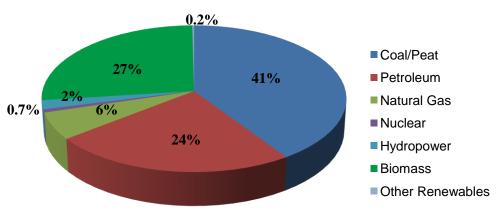


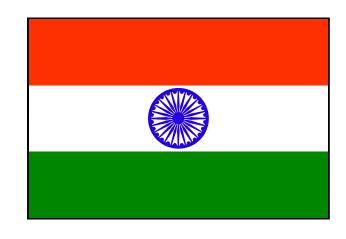
India's energy challenge is enormous

Second most populous nation in the world (1.2 Billion)

- World's 5th biggest energy consumer; will surpass Japan and Russia to take 3rd place by 2030
- World's 4th largest oil consumer
- Coal accounts for almost half of country's energy consumption
- Modest domestic energy resources
- 80% of country has electricity but reliability is an issue
- 400 million people do not have access to electricity

Total Energy Consumption (2007)

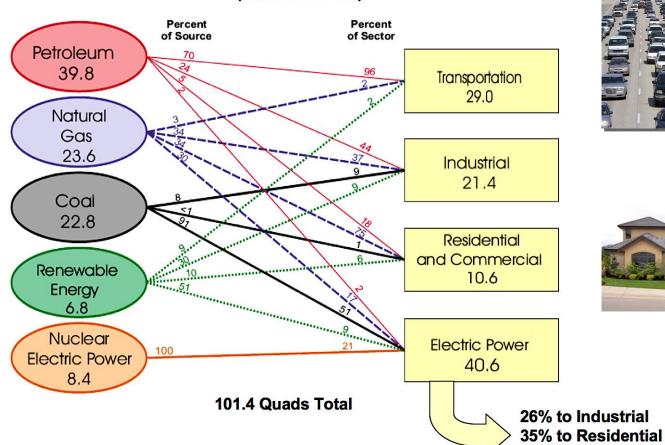






Energy — Beyond Electricity

U.S. Primary Energy Consumption by Source and Sector, 2007 (Quadrillion Btu)





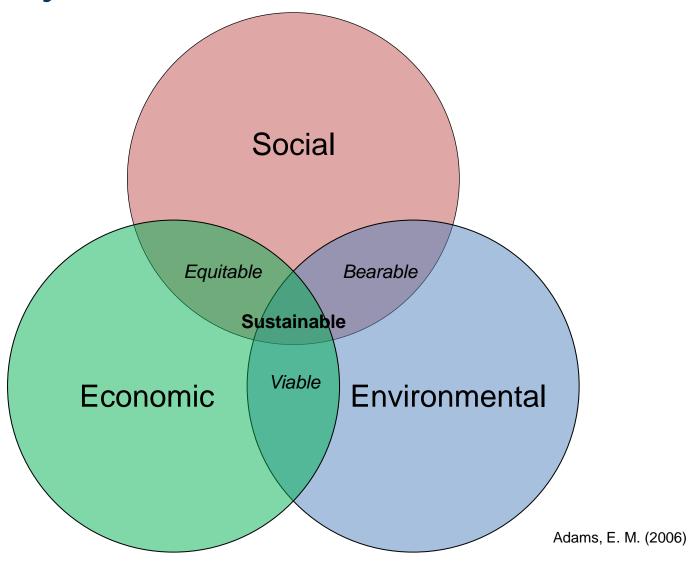
39% to Commercial





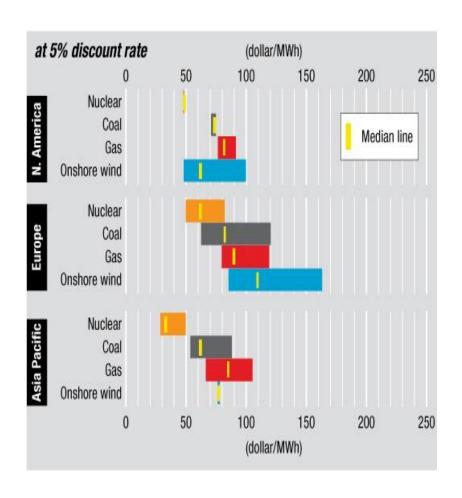


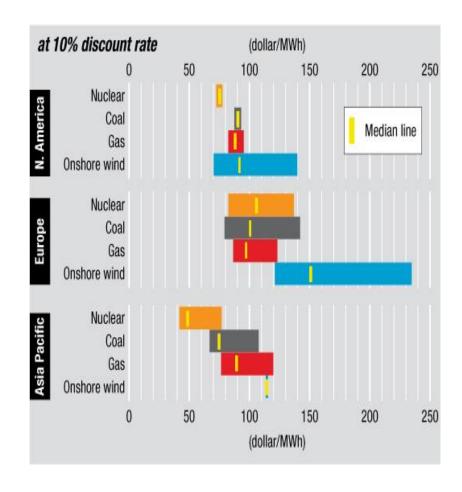
Sustainability Dimensions





Levelized Costs of Electricity: A Global Look Forward



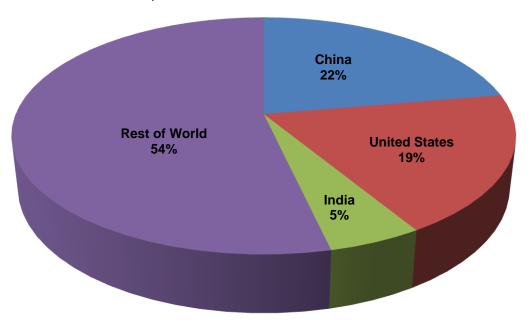




The United States is Not the Largest GHG Emitter This title now belongs to China

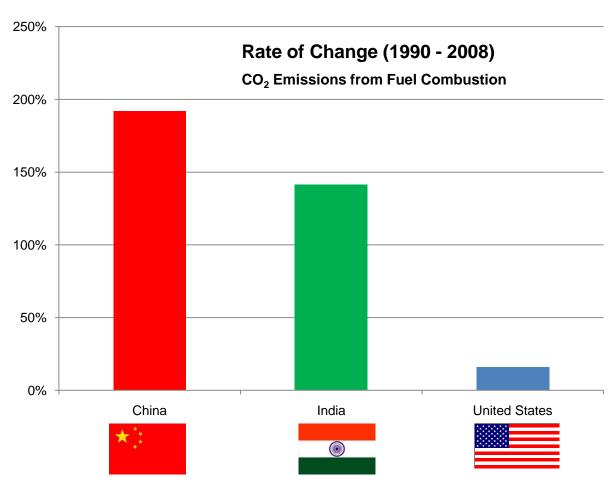
CO₂ Emissions from Fuel Combustion (2008)

29,400 Million Metric Tons Total



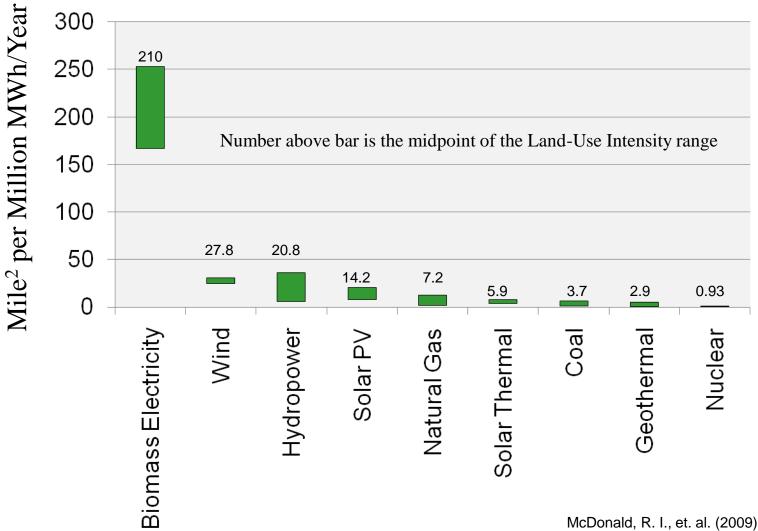


Emissions are Increasing Rapidly in the Developing World





Land-Use Intensity Varies Widely by Technology





A Balanced Energy Portfolio is Needed for Our Future

- End user efficiency and conservation are important, but cannot fully satisfy growing demand
- Renewables and distributed energy sources are needed but don't all scale to meet the demand of large population centers and industrial activities
- Carbon capture and sequestration from coal has significant uncertainties
- Large-scale technology development and deployment takes time
- Energy generation, transmission, and distribution infrastructures take time to develop, and substantial resources to modify and deploy







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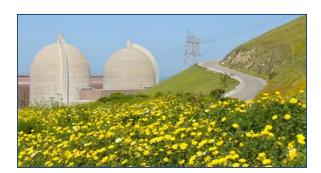


- Satisfying the world energy demand is a global challenge requiring a diversified and balanced portfolio
- Local, State, Regional, National, and International portfolios of demand reduction (conservation), energy efficiency, renewables, fossil and nuclear are needed

Energy demand, resource availability, costs, risks, and environmental impacts determine portfolio balance



A Balanced Energy Portfolio is Key to Our Future













All forms of energy generation have costs, risks, and impacts